

# **Care and Cleaning Guide**

#### **General care**

• Brush off dirt immediately. Allowing it to remain on the cover can result in it getting more deeply embedded into the fabric. Dirt is an organic matter and can provide a habitat for mold and mildew spores to grow.

• Periodically hose down your cover. Rain water can provide rinsing action but often can be a carrier for organic matter as well.

• WeatherMAX is treated with a durable water repellent when it is manufactured. This finish is designed to last for several years but the life span of the repellent can be diminished from several factors such as abrasion, cleaning, chemicals and other atmospheric pollutants. Periodically check to see how well water beads on the fabric. If water drops do not bead but instead flatten and possible soak into the fabric, it is time to retreat the fabric.

#### Cleaning

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- Be sure to fully rinse the bleach off the fabric
- Protect non-WeatherMAX areas such as sewing thread and reinforcements so the bleach does not come in contact as it may be deteriorate non-WeatherMAX components.

After cleaning, check the water repellency of the fabric to see if retreatment might be required.

## **Removing Oil**

Oil can be effectively removed with an aerosol spot remover. We have found that Pull Out 2 by American Niagara works very well although there are other products available.

## **Retreating WeatherMAX**

There are several well designed and effective aftermarket water repellent treatments available that work well with WeatherMAX. Follow the directions of the manufacturer.

- Starbrite Waterproofing with PTEF (best overall)
- Formula 303 Fabric Guard (excellent performance but might darken some colors and show folding lines)
- Rust-Oleum NeverWet Outdoor Fabric Spray
- Marlen Aqua-tite
- Kiwi Heavy Duty Water Repellent



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